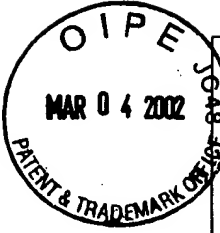


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Applicants hereby petition to permit filing under 37 C.F.R. § 1.47(a) in view of the refusal of inventor Robert Post and inventor John Burke to sign the Declaration and join in the application. Applicants respectfully request that the Declaration previously signed by Brian Blair and Jim Morelewicz be accepted by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office as a Declaration of Brian Blair and Jim Morelewicz on behalf of the non-signing inventors.

Enclosed with this Petition is a check for \$130.00 in satisfaction of the fee due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(h); and two (2) Declarations of Jane E. Alexander under CFR § 1.47(a). In the event any other fee is due or if any fee has been overpaid, the deficiency or overpayment should

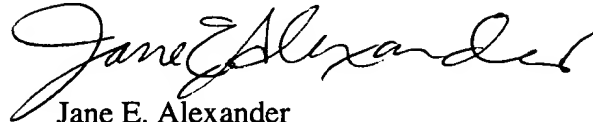
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